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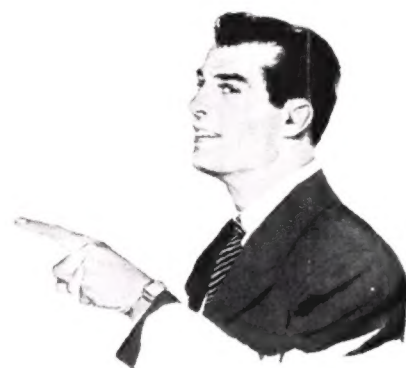
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Editor,

On behalf of The Bucks County Chapter we want to say, thanks, for a wonderful job in reporting our activities during the month of January. It is small wonder that our efforts are so well rewarded with such fine cooperation.

You are to be congratulated on your fine community spirit and great help.

Adolph A. Andrews
Campaign Director
Bucks County Chapter
March of Dimes

Ed. Note — The following letter arrived at Panorama too late to be included in our February issue with our Lincoln story, but we felt it so interesting, we would publish it this month. In the April issue of Panorama Adi-Kent Jeffrey will have another interesting story on Lincoln.

To Panorama:

I heard my father, Charles Lloyd, tell about the days he spent in Washington, D. C.

He remembered President Lincoln being shot.

For a time, he had no job. So, he rented a little shop and made oyster stews. He also bought a set of shoe making tools, to mend shoes on the side, to make ends meet.

It was spring and business was dull. This day he felt an

urge to take a walk. So he walked out into the country and came to a farm where they were planting corn. He stood and watched, and got a job helping plant the corn. The job continued until the corn was three blades high.

The lady said one day, "Charles, we won't need you for awhile. We will let you know when".

Spring ended, summer ended. One fine September morning that corn field was on his mind, so he went walking again, and what a beautiful field of corn he found. He went up to the house of the woman who had hired him earlier in the spring. He found the house empty and the farm deserted. He ran as fast as he could to get off the place. He found out later that the woman he had helped was a Mrs. Suratt, who had been charged with aiding in the assassination of President Lincoln, and had been taken away and hanged.

— Lulu Lloyd
Holicong, Pa.

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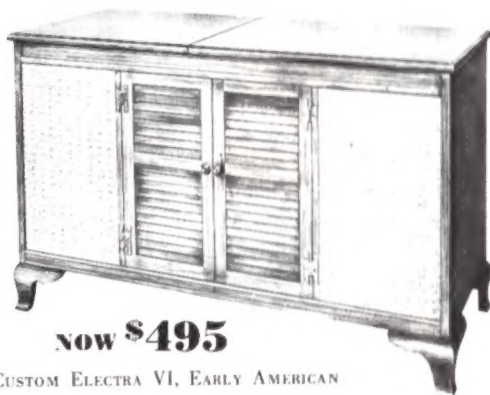
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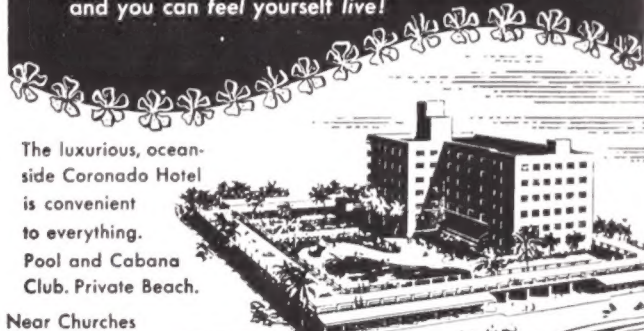
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Folklore

by Bart Williams

HAPPY NEW YEAR . . . IT'S MARCH!

'Iffen' you were living in colonial Bucks County during the baby side of the 18th century you might ferret out the hour of the day from some passerby carrying a timepiece, but friends I'm certain-sure, you'd not make out so well determinin' what year t'was! Not iffen you thought o'this question during January, February or March.

You wouldn't be the only colonist with the problem, either. Councilmen, constables, ministers had a king-sized problem too... King George II size, that is. In most of Europe the new year commenced January first, but in Britain, Ireland, Scotland and the American colonies it began on the 25th of March. For those who had to date documents... well, as I say friends, they had a problem. King George said t'was one year... the continent of Europe said t'was already the next year!

Even mothers were in a quandry. What year was the little lad born? This confused James Madison's mother to such a degree, she never did get it clear in her mind and consequently posterity never has either. But Mary Ball Washington had more on the ball (naturally) and recorded little George's birth in the family Bible thus: "born ye 11th day of February 1731½". This made everybody happy. For those who began the year January 1, he was born in 1732; for those who used the March 25th new year, he was born in 1731. Mary Washington wasn't the only bright

lass... everybody involved in recording dates used the fraction method or "double-dating" as it was called.

You may have noted further discrepancies, me lads and lasses... Washington born the 11th of February? Aye, the calendar of the colonies had further problems. All of them dated back to the very beginnings of the development of the present calendar, to the days of early Rome.

Prior to the Christian era a calendar was established based on the solar year... that is based from equinox to equinox when the days and nights were of equal length. The seasons of the year were meant to fall uniformly. This did not occur for several reasons. One, mathematical calculations were incorrect; two, the Roman pontiffs changed the months according to their whims. If it suited their political purposes to extend a term of office... or shorten it... they simply dropped off a month or two, or added them. This really caused confusion in the Forum and along the Appian Way I can tell you. Farmers were planting seed in the summer and reaping it in the winter! When Julius Caesar made plans for a little summer vacation according to the calendar, the bathing in the Mediterranean must have been a shock... it was actually the spring of the year!

Naturally this state of affairs couldn't go on indefinitely. By the third Consulate of the reign of Caius Julius Caesar, the ruler put in two months between November and December, bringing the calendar to conform with the seasons. He then obtained the assistance of a famous Egyptian mathematician, Sosigenes, and the solar year was calculated well-nigh to perfect. It was fixed at 365 days and 6 hours. To make allowance for the hours an additional day was added every four years. The first of the year was placed in March with the spring equinox. Thus by the year 45 BC the present arrangement got under way.

By the year 1582, however, it was found that Caesar's calendar was erroneous. The vernal equinox was falling

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THE PUBLIC DEMAND!

After many years of unheeded pleas by motorists, (taxpayers and voters) our fine state of Pennsylvania finally decided to do something about "Bucks County headache Number One" — U. S. Route 611 between Doylestown and the Montgomery County line. For years it has been patched and repatched until now even the patches have been patched.

Now work has started and the word is that by November of this year we will have a fine four lane highway emptying into Doylestown's two lane Main Street.

We have gone through one of the worst winters on record and all roads have suffered terribly — not the least "good old 611". Route 611 has been reduced to "rubble" and giant holes that not only make the road impossible to drive on, but perhaps the most unsafe road in the U.S.A. Pot holes measuring up to 12" deep are the rule rather than the exception. The temporary "run arounds" built while the new bridges are being constructed turned to rubble before they were even opened to regular traffic.

Granted, by November we will have a nice new road. Hooray for that! However, how many of us will be around to enjoy this new road. How many of us will have cars able to be driven by then. (In 5 trips from Doylestown to Neshaminy we personally lost 2 tires and punctured a muffler.) A safe speed is between 5 and 10 MPH, if you dare go that fast.

What is wrong? Where are the state highway crews to fill these holes? Where is the equipment that our very high gas taxes have bought? Where are the people we elected to represent us in Harrisburg? They are very conspicuous by their absence. Are they too busy "politicizing" and testifying in court?

It is unfortunate that Bucks County has a "lame duck" highways superintendent and crew. They know under the spoils system they will soon lose their jobs. Maybe they just don't care anymore. It seems **no one cares** but the poor motorist.

Let's have some action! It's up to you now!

P.S. This complete disregard of the public is perhaps the best reason why the highway department should be under civil service. We hope Governor Scranton will be able to carry out this campaign promise.

NOT TOO LONG AGO

Do you know what is in the small vial holding your prescription? Not too long ago, if you can remember, we had very few effective drugs for tuberculosis, pneumonia, strep-throat, or hundreds of other diseases. They often meant a tug-of-war between life and death, weeks of hospital care and the huge bills to go with them—and then a long convalescence without pay checks.

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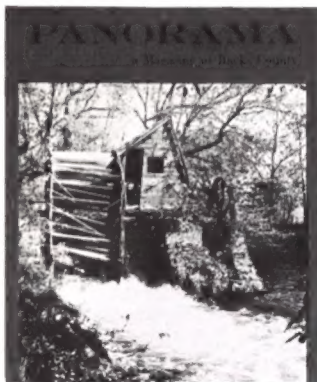
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Back in 1922, the first Doylestown Fair attracted many persons. The race track was a popular spot, as indicated by this photo. The little tot at the left is now Doylestown camera dealer Milton Rutherford. Thanks to Raymond Rutherford (Milt's Dad) for this photo.

FOLKLORE

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earlier than the 25th of March. Pope Gregory XIII, assisted by several learned men, made a complete reformation of the calendar, adding to the old calculations a difference of a few seconds. Over a period of centuries these extra seconds were adding several days. To get the new calendar underway with proper calculations, the Pope decreed that the year 1582 should consist of 355 days only. The first of the year was to be January 1. The Catholic nations of Europe went along with their Pontiff's decree. But not the Protestant nations. Thus for two centuries, Europe used one calendar; England and her colonies another. Finally the confusion

became too much and in 1751 under George II, Parliament passed an act equalizing the style with that used in other countries. It was enacted that eleven days should be omitted and that the legal year begin the first of January instead of the 25th of March.

Ye can imagine the rejoicing that took place in the courts and nurseries of the colonies! From that time on a man could be positive of his age!

Alas, we are still suffering from the confusion, though. When did Columbus really discover America? He landed on Friday the 12th day of October in 1492 O. S. (Old Style). But N. S. (New Style) it was Friday, October 21st, 1492. Washington's birthday we do not acknowledge as the 11th of February O. S. We celebrate his birth February 22, N. S. omitting 11 days. Doesn't seem fair to upset George and not Columbus!

At any rate, I hope your confusion is a little less confusion. When you pore over those old documents, deeds, wills etc. in the Bucks County courthouse, you'll understand what those fraction years are all about.

And when you read of some get-together in Bucks being held the 24th of March, you'll know just what the folks were shooting their guns off for... it was New Year's!

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— George Bernard Shaw

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The Publisher's Column

Some months ago, Panorama Historical Editor Roy C. Kulp examined "Early Schools in Bucks County", and caused much interest in schools. In travels around Pennsylvania, I happened on an old book in Lancaster County entitled "Report of The Superintendent of Common Schools of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the year ending June 5, 1865".

The volume is just what it purports to be, and offers an interesting sidelight to our ways of education less than a century ago in our state, and particularly here in Bucks County.

1865 saw the end of the great civil conflict between north and south, and schools suffered greatly during this period. 1865 saw one room schoolhouses through-out the county and state. 1865 saw conditions and wages for schools and teachers, that we find hard to believe in these days of multi-million dollar jointures.

There were only 248 schools (public) in Bucks County, and only 232 school houses. (We assume the others were held in homes, halls, etc.) There were 284 teachers to man these schools, more than half of which were men. The average age of each teacher was 23, the age when most teachers start to teach today.

In all of Bucks County, there were but 7,822 students on the rolls with a little better than half of them attending school with any regularity. The school year was 7½ months, much longer than in other counties in Pennsylvania. Even as late as 1865, there were 201 students learning in the German language in Bucks County at 4 different schools—Plumstead, Milford, Haycock and Hilltown.

Then, as today the cry was for better wages for teachers. There were different pay scales for men and women teachers, with men drawing more money. Average salary for men teachers was a whopping \$31.80 per

month, while the gals only got \$26.42. This wage was slightly higher than the state average. Another financial sidelight was the total cost to instruct each pupil—58 cents a month!

In his annual report to the state in 1865, Bucks County Superintendent of Schools S.S. Overholt of Gardenville (Salary, \$800. per year) argued greatly for equality of pay scales for men and women teachers, with his feeling that women teachers were better than men teachers on the whole.

Mr. Overholt's report on his visits to the 248 county schools contained much interesting material, plus some sarcasm. He noted that there was still 1 log school house, 11 schools had "no out-house", only 133 had "outline maps", and 220 had uniform text books.

He further reported, "One hundred and twenty school-houses are yet without furniture, and judging from the progress made heretofore in the refurnishing of school houses, it will take at least thirty years to remove these relics of barbarism in the shape of school furniture. If the people would seriously reflect, on the amount of torture and discomfort to which their children are subjected for lack of proper school furniture, doubtless the proper remedy would soon be applied. It appears from the general aspect of many school-houses, school grounds and much of our school furniture, that a large proportion of the people are firm believers in the doctrine, "that through much suffering people become great."



Mr. Overholt found that of the 232 buildings, 74 were "unfit to use. Frequently the most worthless, bleak, wet, rocky and steep hillsides have been chosen as a proper location for the schoolhouse".

He further wrote, "The progress of the schools was not satisfactory, and the chief cause was the great scarcity of well qualified teachers." He blamed the condition on "the demon war preying fearful havoc upon the very vitals of the country. But, the glorious sunlight of peace smiles upon us, and it's invigorating influence will soon restore progress and prosperity to every department of civil life."

In 1865 there were no federal grants to schools, and the state supplied the only outside funds—a total of \$5,675 for the entire county!

Much progress has been made in education in the past century, but the same basic problems still haunt us—teacher's wages, school buildings and grounds being inadequate, jointures (then, it was "grading of the schools") and other such problems. It only goes to show, that less than 100 years later we still face the same problems, only from a different angle. —RJA

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AN ELECTROTYPE — The Patterson (N.J.) Intelligencer gives a curious incident of the late thunderstorm:—"A little girl was standing at a window, before which was a young maple tree. After a brilliant flash of lightning, a complete image of the tree was found imprinted on her body. This is not the first instance of the kind, but it is a singular phenomenon." (1854)

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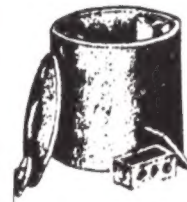
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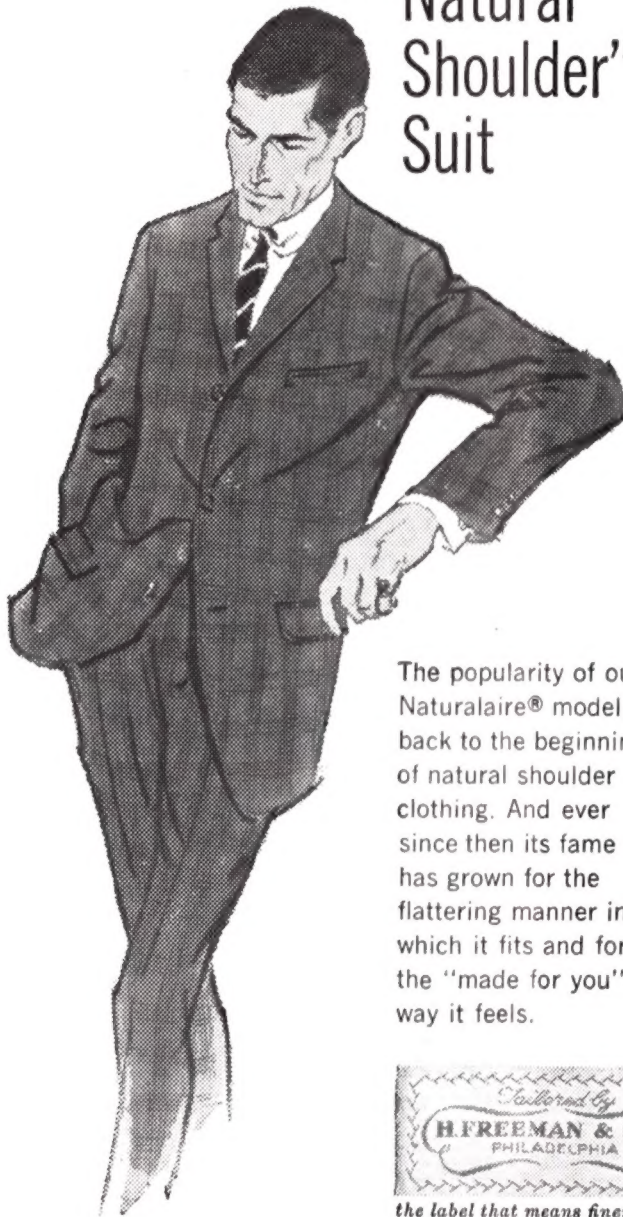
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falling from above . . . just
a few days before spring.
Was it the late onion snow,
the farmers speak of?
Ah no, to me it was a new
snow fall of love.

I kissed you when the sun was
shining, from above . . .
just a few days after spring.
Was it a case of spring fever,
my friends speak of?
Ah no, to me it was a kiss
truely of love.

We pledged our troth in the
full moon, beaming from
above . . . just a few nights
past summer.

Was it just two spooners, the
sleepy birds speak of?
Ah no, to us it was a fullfill-
ment of love.

After years apart, we met again
in the rain . . . just a few
short days ago.

Did my heart flutter fast, and
become all a flame?
Ah no friend, I couldn't even
recall your name.

Ginny Fretz

* * *
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Doylestown newspapers will
again be in operation at the
Mercer Museum, Pine and Ash-
land Streets, Doylestown, this
summer.
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Rambling with Russ

by

A. Russell Thomas

HAT'S OFF TO THE "HOWDY-PAPS": Doylestown Lodge No. 1284, Loyal Order of Moose, will celebrate its 50th anniversary starting Saturday, March 16, with a dance and floor show for members and their wives, to be followed by four other anniversary features. Listed for March 20, is an old-fashioned sourkraut dinner; March 30, another dance; April 3, new class enrollment ceremony, charter night and old timers' night; April 13, Easter dance and floor show.

The 915-member Doylestown Moose, as I have known it for at least 40 years, is one of the finest fraternal groups in Bucks county. The lodge started with slightly over 50 members a half century ago and four of the charter members are still with us—Charlie Meyers, George J. Chester, Dorsey Hager and J. Lloyd Fryling.

I well remember when the present Moose Home on East State street was dedicated. Our distinguished guest of honor that day was the late James J. Davis, founder of the Moose fraternity and a member of the Cabinet of the President of the United States at one time. A staunch Democrat, Davis marched side by side in the dedication parade of the new Doylestown Howdy-Pap home, with Mr. Republican Himself, the late Oscar O. Bean, for whom I had the pleasure of working for quite a number of years, as a newspaper reporter.

I recall that on March 17, 1913, a Doylestown newspaper carried a Town Note: "As there have been so many other meetings during the week, Doylestown Lodge No. 1284, Loyal Order of Moose, was instituted *Sunday*, in Siegler's Hall. With the exception of the dictator, the officers of the lodge were elected as follows: Vice dictator, George Bitting; past dictator, Charles J. Lehman; prelate, Edward V. Hellyer; secretary, Arthur Dieterich; treasurer, Edward Neis; sergeant at arms, Howard Carver; inside guard, Edward Bergey; outside guard, William Fryling; trustees, Edward Dosch, A. F. Dieterich, J. Howard Moore.

Doylestown Moose officers today are Al Romig, Chalfont, governor; Jack Connard, Doylestown, junior governor; Al Miller, Doylestown, junior past governor; William Steadman, New Britain, prelate; and H. Edward Schambacker, secretary.

The best of success to the Doylestown Moose during the next 50 years, and that too goes for the Doylestown Chapter, Women of the Moose, who are going to help the Howdy-Paps celebrate the Golden Anniversary.

OTHER THINGS that attracted attention 50 years ago in March: An advertisement in a D-Town newspaper, solicited patrons to "the latest motion pictures and high class vaudeville" in Lenape Hall, Otto Kolbe, proprietor. . . . Admission 15 cents, children under 12, 10 cents. . . . The Fountain House (Doylestown) advertised a special Easter dinner, 12 noon to 2 p.m. for 50 cents, giving you a choice of a bluepoint cocktail, chicken bouillon, planked shad, barbecued terrapin, Maryland smelts, Apricot Ice, roast spring lamb with mint sauce, jumbo squab, fried egg plant, asparagus, fresh strawberry ice cream, frozen custard, chocolate eclair, macaroons, lady fingers, Cross Buns,

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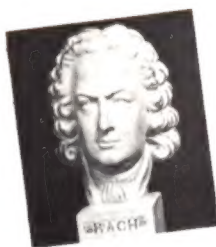
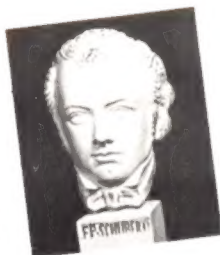
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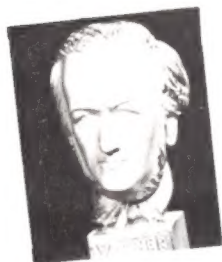
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An Editor Reminisces



by C. Norman Detweiler

"WHISTLEPIGS" and THE WEATHER

A fat old Groundhog cavorting around on a snow-covered field in Upper Bucks County on the last day of the old year upset a Pennsylvania Dutch belief that Groundhogs hole up and hibernate during the Winter. Contrary to Groundhog habits this fellow had fun burrowing in the snow and feeding on the green wheat beneath the blanket of white.

Legend has it that six weeks of weather can be foretold on February 2 which has become known far and wide as Groundhog Day. If, on that day, the varmit comes out of his den and sees his shadow he will dive back into his hole and sleep for six more weeks, for he knows there will be that many more weeks of Winter. If, on the other hand, the day is cloudy and he does not see his shadow, he resumes his daily activity for he knows that Spring is near at hand.

Groundhogs, also called woodchucks, are curious animals, wary, crafty and sometimes quite scrappy, which many a dog knows for having cornered one. Persons not knowing the habits of these animals can walk through a field and not see hide nor hair of one although there may be as many as a dozen watching motionless from atop the entrance of their dens. Grayish brown in color, they blend well into their surroundings and to the untrained eye they may appear to be just another clod of earth or stump of a small tree. However, get close to one and he will let out a peculiar whistle and dive down into his den. Because of this sound he has been commonly called a "Whistle Pig."

The home of the Groundhog is quite an interesting affair. It is an underground network of burrows with various escape holes. The main entrance is an impressive hole with a mound of dirt upon which he sits to scan the fields, but his escape holes are more secret for he digs them from the inside letting no tell-tale pile of dirt.

A native animal, the chuck is found in most States east of the Rockies, is widely hunted by man and boy, and is hated by the farmer. In addition to digging up the fields they consume an enormous amount of vegetation. An ordinary chuck eats about a third of his weight a day, often getting into farm gardens and devouring bean stalks and other crops. It is estimated

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VOGUE... Fashion Of The Month



Before joining the Bucks County Easter Parade, *Vogue Shop's* Jewel Renner has a quick breakfast at *The Doylestown Inn*. She is wearing a daffodil yellow wool suit. It features a wedding ring fur collar, waist length semi-fitted jacket and slim skirt. Price \$39.95. Her hat is one of the new spring turban styles, in matching yellow, topped with gay flowers on the crown — only \$5.95. The purse is tan, marshmallow grained leather, just \$5.95. The gloves are beige, \$3.95.

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RAMBLING WITH RUSS

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demi tasse.

JUST 25 YEARS ago this March: Miss R. Jane Keller (now Mrs. J. Franklin Hartzel) of Doylestown, was appointed to the role of "Old Man" in the Cedar Crest College (Allentown) production of Euripides Electra, a Greek play. . . . Busiest man in town was the late Health Officer A. R. Atkinson, who during the first three months of 1938, placarded approximately 500 front doors in Doylestown Borough alone with measles, mumps, whooping cough, scarlet fever and chicken pox

I REMEMBER that it was just 25 years ago in March when the Doylestown Chamber of Commerce was organized at a meeting held at the Devon Restaurant. Officers elected were Frank Reynolds, president; Frank Ely and Justin Ely, vice presidents; Herbert E. Moore, secretary; Stan Bowers, treasurer. The executive committee included Rudolph O. Hein, Robert L. Clyer, Charles Shive, and Dr. John J. Sweeney, now all deceased.

HARRIS HOLMES was elected president of the Loyal Republican Club of Bucks County. . . . Four-hundred members of the Doylestown Maennerchor Society celebrated the 51st anniversary of that club with Executive Secretary Frank L. Worthington as emcee. . . . Doylestown's mayor at that time, Dr. John J. Sweeney, got a big hand at the dinner, held in the Armory, when he discussed with Maennerchor members, local problems concerning parking and other rules and regulations.

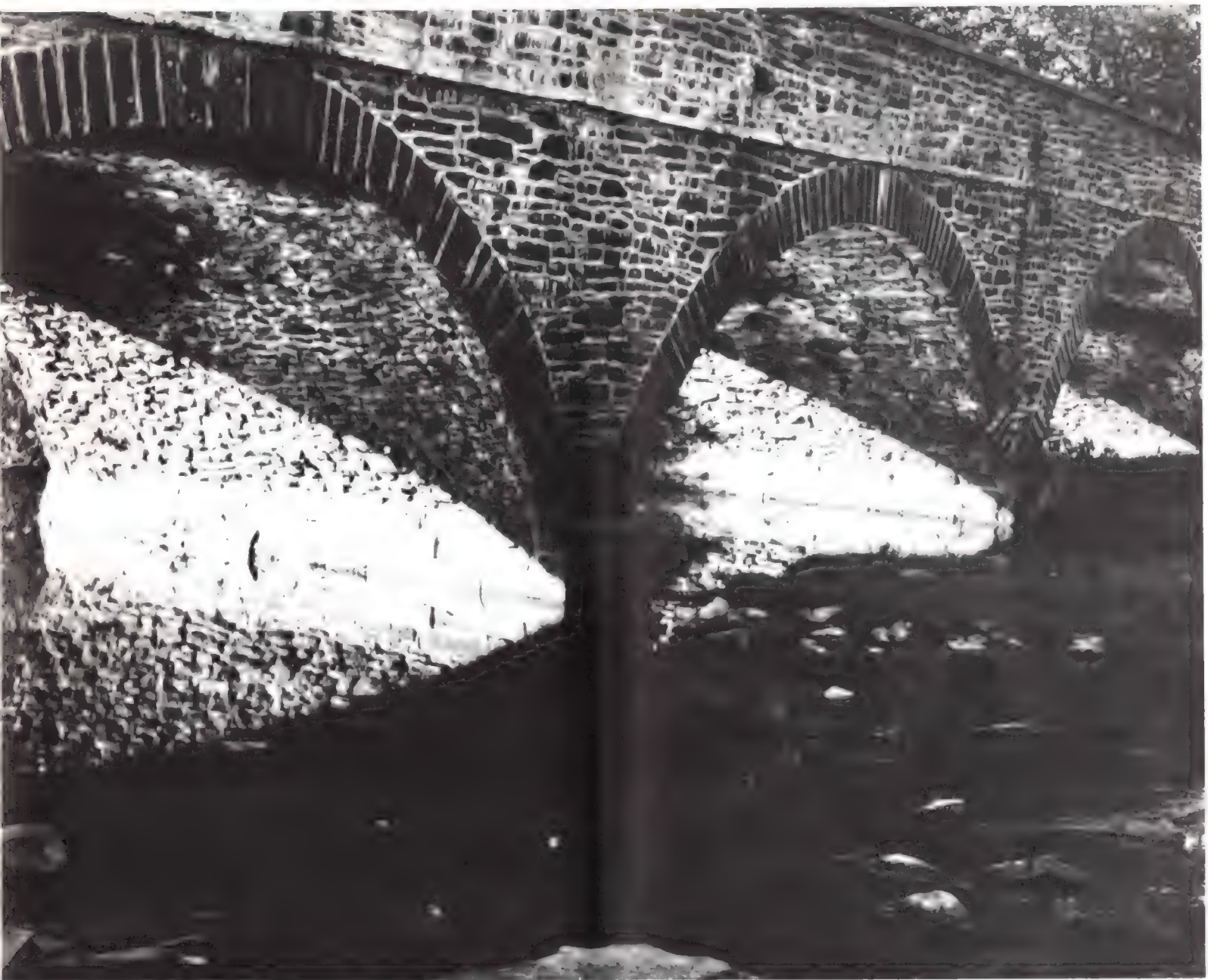
"DOYLESTOWN IS NOT going to be by-passed, don't worry," said Burgess Sweeney. "Doylestown has too many wide-awake business men to allow the County Seat to be by-passed. I want your united support however, in enforcing parking conditions in Doylestown."

The 38th annual commencement of National Farm School was attended by 2000 persons, and presided over by Dean Cletus L. Goodling, just two weeks after the entire student body went on a protest strike against the dean. . . . Walter E. Bachman (then of the Water Wheel Tavern), now a special deputy sheriff of Bucks county, attended a Masonic convention in Charlotte, N. C. . . . The Kiwanis Club of Doylestown won top prize in the State of Pennsylvania among all other Kiwanis Clubs for its 1938 achievement report for the year 1937-38, a 5000-word resume of the activities of the club, that this reporter, as secretary of Kiwanis, had the privilege of writing and submitting to the state officials.

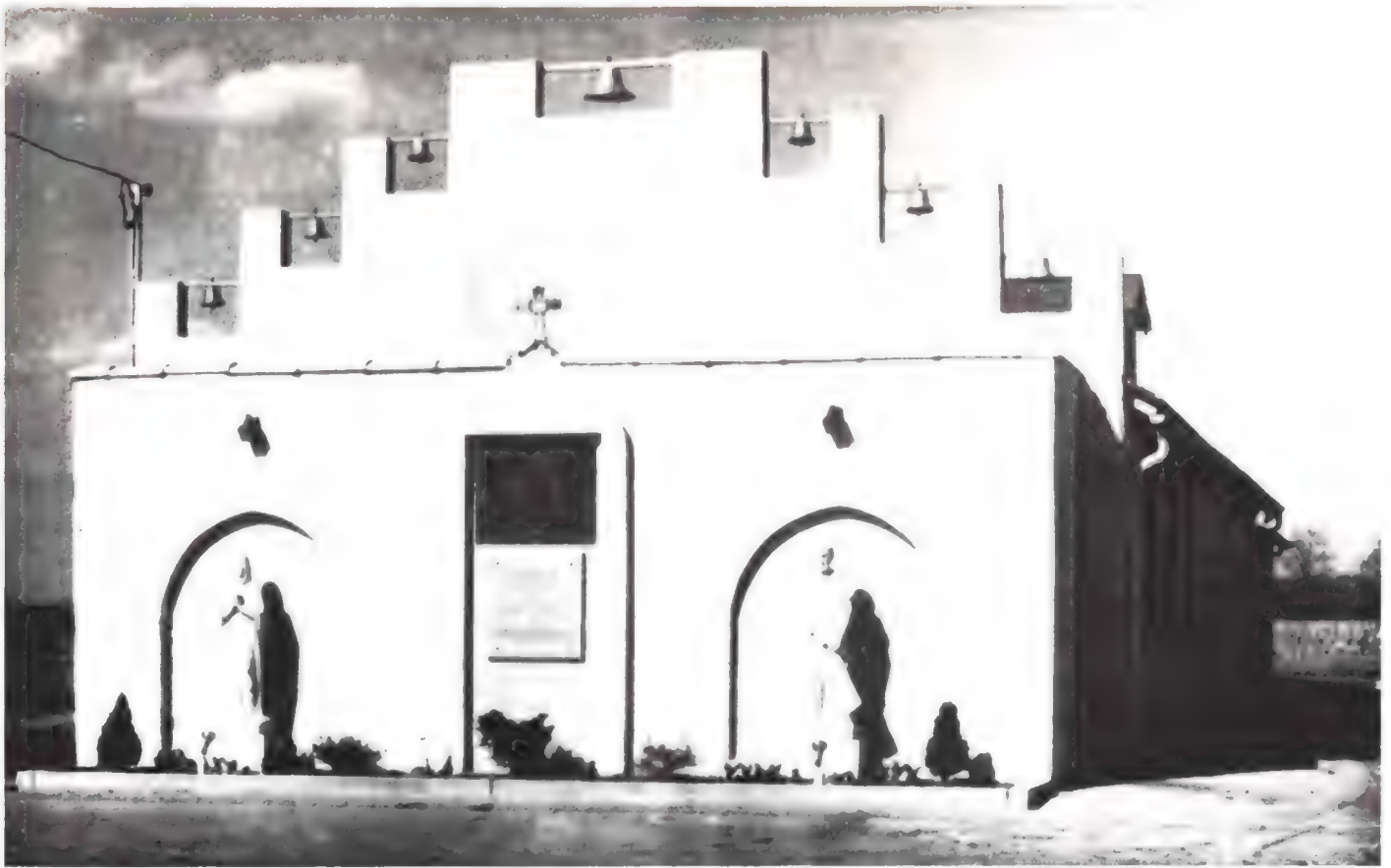
ALSO A QUARTER CENTURY Ago This March: Fire of undetermined origin caused a loss of \$100,000 at the Oak Grove Hosiery plant in South Langhorne. . . . Howard I. James, Bristol attorney (Bucks county's best at that time) became a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Senate to succeed Clarence J. Buckman. . . . Joseph F. Hafler, Bell Telephone manager of the Doylestown district, returned from a Florida vacation. . . . Dr. A. J. Strathie, Newtown, re-elected president of the Bucks County Boy Scout Council. . . . A strike at Roberts and Mander Stove Company, Hatboro, cost workers a total of \$27,000 a week. . . . Donald B. Smith, son of Mrs. and the late George F. Smith (one-time Boro Council president), was admitted to the Bucks County Bar (in my book today, Counselor Smith is outstanding judge material for Bucks county). . . . This reporter also well remembers 25 years ago March 7, when a Town Note in a local newspaper read that "A. Russell Thomas is still confined to his home with a severe attack of Shingles."

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THIS IS BUCKS COUNTY!



On a lazy warm spring afternoon, the sun creates unusual shadows on this old stone arch bridge near Dublin. Photographer Alfred Sinks waited for just the right moment to capture this striking design of "the face of Bucks County."



A Little Bit Of Heaven

by James J. Doyle



Rev. John J. Morley

"The Christ Child was adored for the first time in a stable, and this morning we adore Him in a Chapel converted from a garage. And, as there is an analogy between the stable of yesterday and the garage of today, we can, perhaps, feel a bit closer to the atmosphere of that first Christmas." The above is quoted from the sermon of the late Reverend Joseph B. Muldoon as he read Mass for the first time, on Christmas Eve, in the little Mission Church of St. Patrick, which he founded in the Borough of Dublin in 1944.

When Father Muldoon was appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Hilltown, the parent Church of the Mission, he found almost as many problems as parishioners in the sprawling parish. Some members of the

congregation, living in the northern and eastern regions of the parish, had to travel eight or nine miles to attend service at Hilltown Church; and this was further complicated by the rationing of gasoline.

It was with the thought of making it more convenient to attend services to those isolated parishioners, that Father Muldoon purchased the property on Route 313 and, with a few devoted followers, began the labor that was to transform a shabby, grease-stained garage into a temple of prayer. And with a priest named Muldoon and a town called Dublin who else could possibly be patron to this Chapel but St. Patrick.

It took a great amount of faith and courage for a church struggling to balance its own budget to assume the further

expense and labor of furnishing and maintaining a mission chapel. But faith and courage were qualities of character that Reverend Joseph B. Muldoon, who died in 1961, possessed in abundance. A most humble man, he mixed concrete and swung a pick like a modern St. Francis who would build his own Church with his own hands.

In March of 1954 his Eminence, the late John Cardinal O'Hara, became somewhat less than eminent to the members of the Hilltown parish when he transferred Father Muldoon to the Church of St. Bernard in Easton, Penna.

It is difficult to believe that any clergyman could be held in greater esteem and affection by his flock than the founder of St. Patrick's Mission. In a very real sense he has never left the little Mission — his

humility and the spirit of his dedicated labor have already become a legend that will grow as the Mission prospers.

The unenviable assignment of succeeding Father Muldoon as pastor of the parish at Hilltown, fell upon the not-too-broad shoulders of Reverend John J. Morley of Philadelphia. And that good man scarcely had his coat off than the chill of silent resentment at Father Muldoon's transfer flamed into indignation when an Allentown journalist had the poor taste to write an article jibing the Dublin Community's lack of enthusiasm for St. Patrick on St. Patrick's Day and of the little Mission's lack of Irish-named parishioners. To add injury to insult, a local paper naively published the article in its entirety and the fat was in the fire. Within twenty-four hours Father Morley, who had arrived in the atmosphere of an Irish wake, found himself in the center of a donneybrook. His first St. Patrick's Day in Dublin, though not officially celebrated, was nevertheless unforgettable.

While scoring the scribe for bad taste in the manner in which the article was written, Father Morley conceded that it was, for the most part, factual and he decided it was time to alter some of the facts. To this end he appointed a committee to make plans for the Annual Celebration of St. Patrick's Day as a spiritual and festive occasion. The program, initiated by this committee on St. Patrick's Day in 1955, has been repeated since then almost without change.

As Father Muldoon labored to establish the Mission, Father Morley has worked to embellish its appearance as a place of worship and to make attendance a bit more comfortable to its members.

Father Morley's efforts have succeeded in making St. Patrick's and Dublin known to an ever widening circle of friends. Many of the improvements to the little Chapel have been financed by funds donated by those distant, but devoted, friends of St. Patrick. One of the most notable of these gifts is the Carillon Bells donated by the late Mrs. Martha Mercer who frequently attended services at the Chapel.

Officials of Dublin Borough, led by Mayor Harold Bishop and members of the business community, have co-operated with Father Morley

in inviting the "Irish" of all nationalities and faiths in the area to participate in the celebrating of the feast day of the Irish Patriarch.

And, while it is true that no one else has recently reported seeing a Leprachaun, there is historic justification in the County for the "wearin' of the green". The history of colonial Bucks County is rooted, deeply in the fabric of our State and our Country, and that many of these roots are emerald green is evident in the Irish names of some of our oldest communities.

Within the sound of the little Chapel's bells — just down the road a piece — is the historic old Irish Meeting House, the second oldest Presbyterian Church in Bucks County, whose churchyard is dotted with grave markers identifying the dust below as a soldier in Washington's Army. The "Kellys and Burkes and Sheas" of nearly two centuries ago. The race of fighting men who believed that men should not be permitted to possess that for which they would not fight to defend. The men who defended freedom and faith wherever it was threatened, who came as exiles and remained as patriots to fight and, perhaps, die for the America that gave them shelter. There is indeed historical precedent

for celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Bucks County.

When St. Patrick came to Dublin it was surely not as a stranger, but rather as an expected friend long overdue.

The Irish are a mystic some folk call them a superstitious, people. And they well might tell you that St. Patrick's Mission, Dublin is just one more facet of the endless mission of St. Patrick "to come wherever the Irish call". When the bells of the little Chapel herald the Feast of St. Patrick, there may be a stirring of that gallant dust at the Meeting House, and some Unknown Minstrel may strike an answering chord or two from a muted harp. For Irish tales are strange indeed — to everyone but an Irishman.



Rev. Jos. B. Muldoon

Seen here is Harold E. Bishop, Mayor of Dublin, E. B. Laudenslager, President of Dublin Borough Authority and Rev. John J. Morley, Pastor of St. Patrick's Mission. Mayor Bishop is presenting Rev. Morley with a copy of the 50th Anniversary of Dublin booklet to be forwarded to the Mayor of Dublin, Ireland.

(Photo courtesy Call-Chronicle Newspapers, Allentown)



QUAKERTOWN

A SHORT HISTORY

by C. Norman Detweiler

Part Two



ORIGINAL STONE DWELLING on Main Street. One of the first stone houses built by the early Quakers, and in fine state of preservation. A show place in this Upper Bucks municipality. (Photo by C. N. Detweiler)

For years the growth of the Friends' settlement in the Richland area was barely perceptible, but with the influx of German and a few Irish immigrants, a hamlet gradually developed and by the turn of the century a neat little country village in Upper Bucks County was soon to receive a name.

It was in 1803 that the Federal Government established a post office here and appointed storekeeper William Green the first postmaster. The village then became known officially as Quaker Town, the spelling of which remained two words until 1855 when the town became

incorporated as a borough and the name was changed to its present form of spelling.

Centered as it was in what is now called the West End, Quakertown in 1832 was referred to in an atlas as "a small, neat town of a single street, containing 40 dwellings, 2 stores, 3 taverns and a Quaker Meeting House." Slowly the town grew, and by 1856 there were sixty-two dwellings, an increase of twenty-two in a quarter of a century. However, when the North Penna. Railroad was completed through this section, from Philadelphia to Bethlehem, there followed a spurt in the physical growth of Quakertown.

Though the town proper was a mile from the railroad, there sprung up to the east, where the right of way intersected the Milford to Newtown road, a new settlement of homes and business places that was to become known as Richland Center. This was the beginning of progress and prosperity, which led gradually to the growing together of the two rival communities.

Because of the development of the new settlement a mile from the town where the original post office was located, the residents of the new in 1867 petitioned the Postal Department in Washington for a post office near the railroad. The Department thereupon issued an order that the post office be removed from "uptown" to "downtown". That riled the residents of Quakertown proper and they in turn filed a protesting petition with Washington for its return to its original location. After five weeks Washington restored har-



THIRD AND BROAD STREETS 65 YEARS AGO—Now the busiest intersection in Quakertown, this is how the heart of town looked on June 11, 1898, when the first trolley wended its way around right angle curves and over the bridge to Richlandtown. Today, still the heart of the downtown business section, it has, and still is undergoing "face lifting to keep abreast with the times.

mony here by returning the office to its former site and establishing another downtown under the name of Richland Center, located in Tobias Shive's "Old Corner Store," naming Ephraim Cope as its first postmaster.

In 1874 Richland Center was incorporated into the borough of Quakertown; however, its post office remained in operation (in its later location, the old car barn on East Broad Street) until 1914 when it was consolidated with the Quakertown postoffice which had been moved from Main Street to the Merchants Bank building at Second and West Broad Streets.

Industrially Quakertown has had a variety of pursuits. Early manufacturing included the making of pottery, bricks, boots, shoes, spokes, felloes, axe handles, creamery products, chewing tobacco, pipe organs, carriages, sleighs, clothing and cigars, which, until shortly after World War I had been the leading industry in town. With the advent of machine-made cigars the cigar factories one by one succumbed to automation and the experts in rolling hand-made "two-fors" had to look elsewhere for other kinds of employment.

With the demise of the cigar industry the factories were taken over by other manufacturing concerns and today thousands of employees in Quakertown produce men's and women's wearing apparel, hosiery, electric grills, soil pipe, leather welting, paper products, poultry equipment, wrought iron and metal work, glass and mirror products, furs cabinets,



THE SUMMER TRIPPER—The old Inland Traction Co. did things up right in those days, and with the comfort of its patrons in mind, placed into service an open car during the Summer season. Here it stood in all its glory decked out with colored lights and white curtains. Later known as the Quakertown Traction Company, the outfit often ran "excursions" between Quakertown, Richlandtown and Menlo Park in Perkasio.

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FIRST TROLLEY—On June 11, 1898, the inland Traction Company, with car barn on East Broad Street opposite the former Continental Restaurant, now the Moose Home, began trolley service between Quakertown and Perkasio, and a spur to Richlandtown. The latter car, called "The Tripper," was obliged to cross North Penn railroad tracks over a "camel back" bridge behind the Globe Hotel because the railroad would not grant the trolley company a right of way on grade level. This photo, taken by the late William A. Goldsmith, shows the first Tripper about to go over the bridge. A number of Doubting Thomases stood in the field to see if the car would make the grade—it did, and continued to do so until 1927 when the line to Richlandtown was abandoned. The original line to Perkasio was purchased from the Inland Co. in 1903 by the Lehigh Valley Transit Company and service extended from Allentown to Chestnut Hill. Some years later the line from Lansdale to Chestnut Hill was abandoned and another route established connecting with Norristown and 69th Street in Philadelphia. Known as the Liberty Bell Route, trolley service from Allentown to Philadelphia passed out of existence in 1951 and bus service substituted. Thus travel by trolley gave way to buses.



FORMER NORMAL AND CLASSICAL SCHOOL—This building formerly housed the Horne-Bougher Normal and Classical School and later the Soldiers' Orphan's School. Today it is a three-family residence. (Photo by C. N. Detweiler)

IT'S NO DRAG

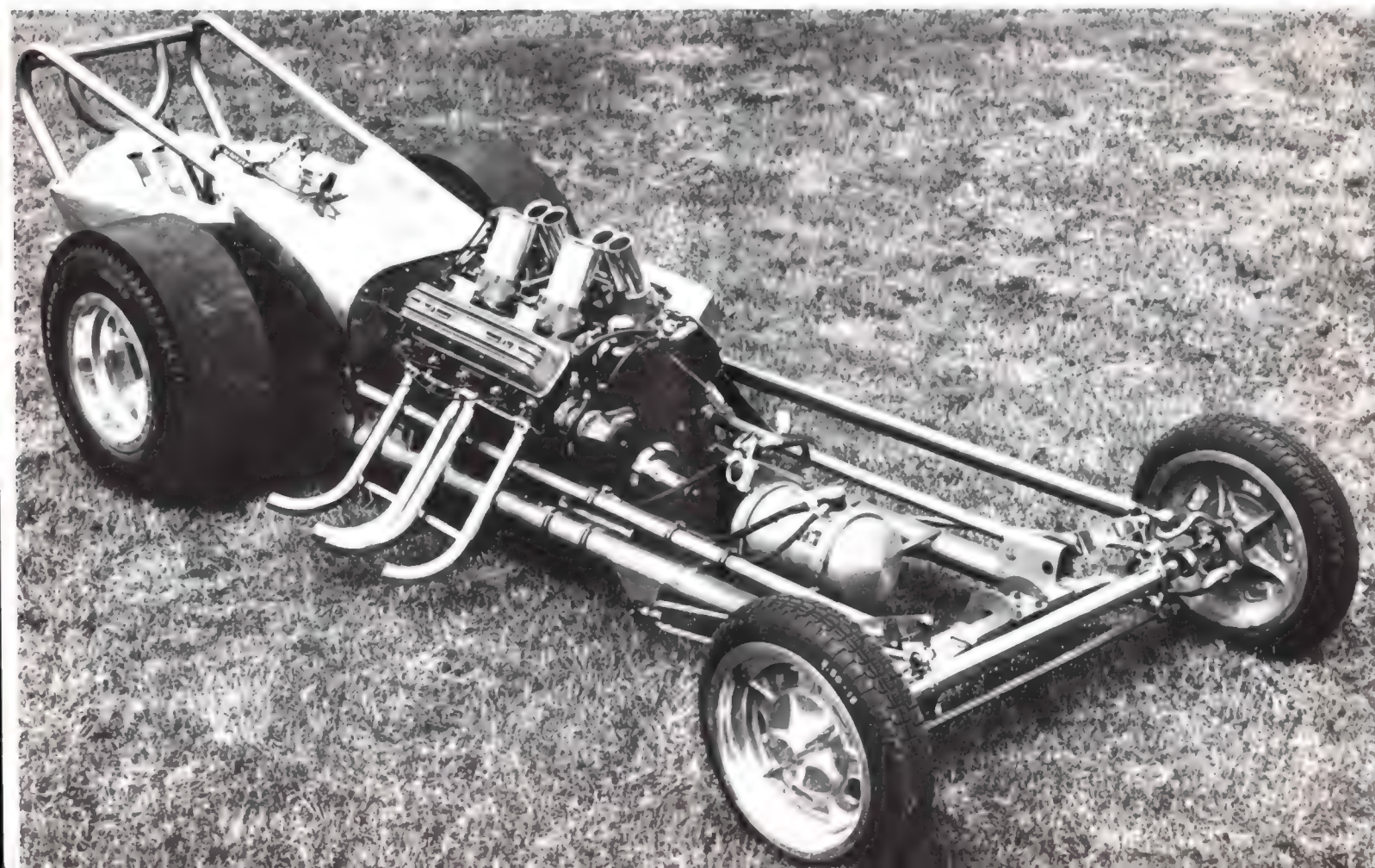
by David Mullin

The Skeeter II. Four sparkling magnesium wheels lighten the load to be pulled. The small gas tank mounted in front of the motor holds enough gas for several runs.

(Photos by Don Renner)

Most all of us have a hobby, and pursue its enjoyments with as much faithfulness as if it were our livelihood. When the drag racing and car-building bug bites you, you may just as well not fight it, because it has got you, hands down. It is a hobby followed by mostly the younger set, but if you look around a bit, I am sure you will find quite a few of their preceding generation. Drag racing has been a headline winner for quite a few years. The trouble has been, the drag racing in the streets. But put an organization and supervision behind it, and you wind up with both a time consuming pastime and a good hobby. In the past 4 years it has gained startling popularity among the young and old alike.

As a way of explanation of the sport, you must visualize a long macadamed road, perfectly level, and measured from a starting line to the finish, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away. The purpose, naturally, is to get to the finish line before your opponent. The field of participants ranges from cars that are driven daily on our streets, to strictly an engine mounted upon a tube-type frame. These are known as dragsters or rails. The latter is the fastest of the two. The dragsters, in turn, are separated into classes according to



cubic inch displacement in the motor, weight of the vehicle, and what may be put on the engine as an extra. As an example we have chosen a class B dragster from Bucks County. It is owned and operated by "Skeets" Spanninger, a resident of Blooming Glen. His entire machine weighs about 1484 pounds. It is powered by a 1954 Oldsmobile engine. It has 365 cubic inches and operates with a "self tuned" Hilborn fuel injection.

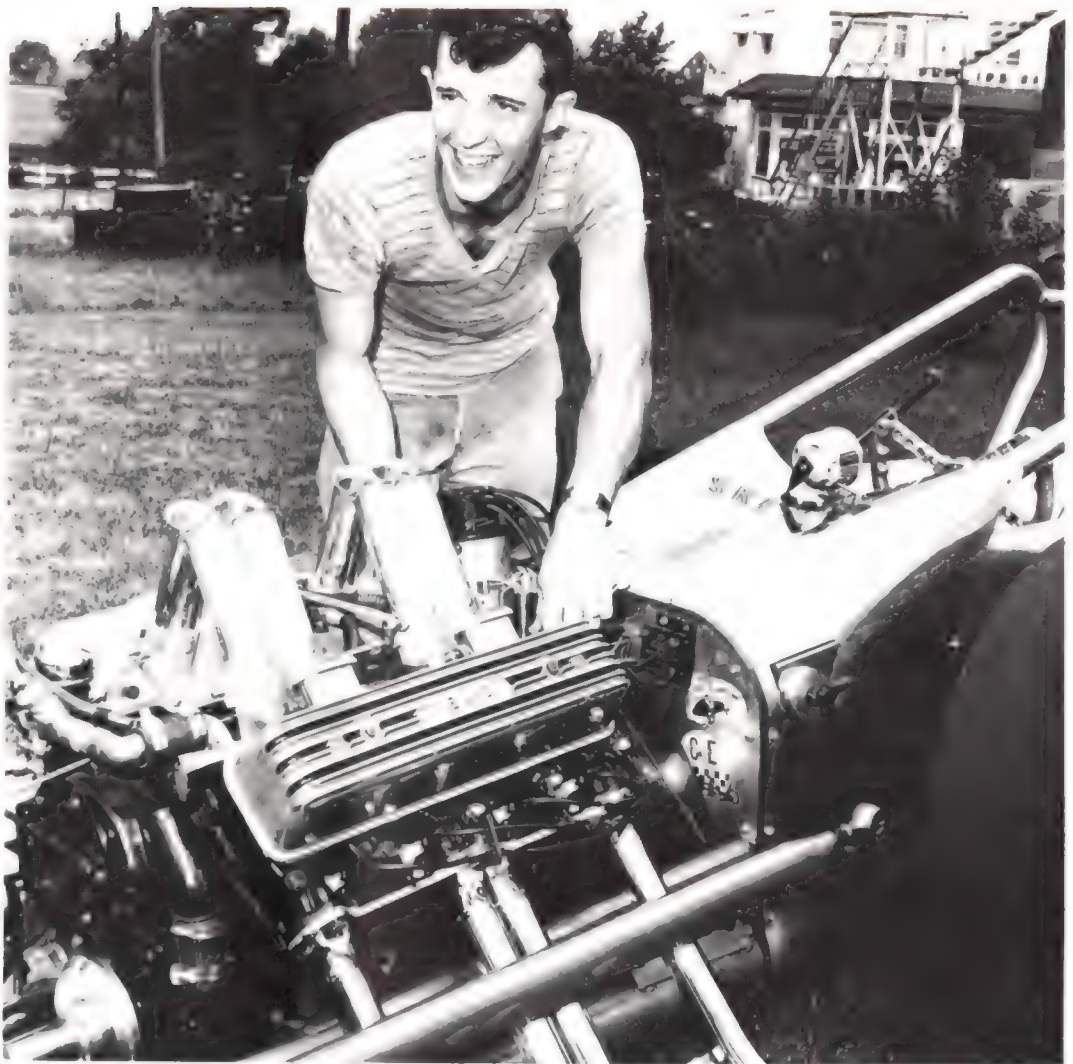
This dragster may well be called handmade, as many items in the engine and body are hand crafted and machined by an expert. His name is Bill Barringer. To demonstrate this, Bill has combined a pulley, which drives the fuel injection with a degree wheel that is used for tuning the engine.

The engine has an "Engle" camshaft which actuates the valves. A 1939 Ford transmission is used with a 3.78 rear. It might be added here that the 1939 Ford transmission is quite an oddity among dragsters, because of the poor dependability. They have used this transmission for two years without a failure. But Mr. Spanninger says it can be done with certain variations.

The brakes are Buick, with a special machined steel axle. The tubular frame comes from Chassis Research with an added airplane strut used as a drag link, (steering mechanism) to enhance the beauty and give more sturdy steering. Special made spring perch and shock absorbers help to hold the weight under specified requirements. Ten inch wide slicks (tires without treads) give the "Skeeter II" its needed traction for the start.

Mr. Spanninger and Bill, with a crew of usually 4, have done quite well for themselves as they won their class divisionals at Island Dragway, New Jersey, last year.

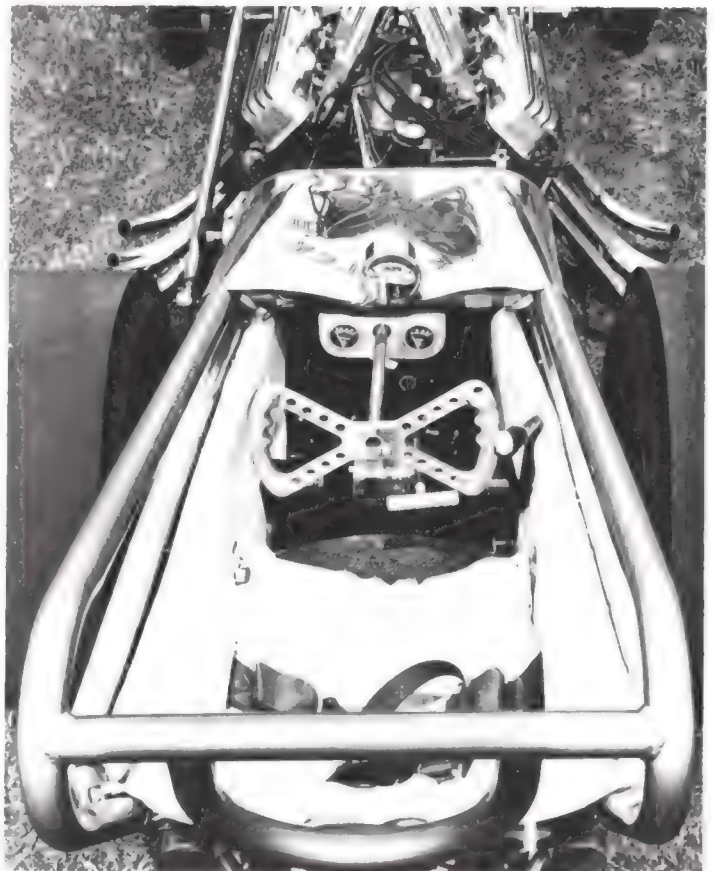
To prove that hard work and patience are rewarding, last year the dragster turned 107 mph in an elapsed time of 11:70 seconds. This year, the Skeeter has bettered this by quite a margin, as his 139 mph, 10.4 second elapsed time demonstrates. Mr. Spanninger said, "I guess I can be safe in saying that I have the fastest class B dragster in Bucks County. My biggest hopes are to win the national drag racing championships held at Indiana Raceway, Park, Indiana." A few hundred drag racing fans participate in this event with



"It was only a loose bolt" says Skeets. Checking over the dragster before each outing prevents many a mishap on the strip. Note the polished heads and chrome exhaust pipes.

the same hopes. And this certainly shows that if looked down upon by some, dragging is certainly a competitive and well organized sport, with many conscientious participants. A hobby well worth the time and effort.

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that one chuck eats at least half a ton of alfalfa in a year, so think what ten of them could do to a field of clover that some farmer would like to harvest for his cattle's Winter feed.

Millions of Groundhogs infest the fields throughout the countryside and of recent years they have become the target for men with 22-calibre rifles. Groundhog hunting is great sport and the crafty little animal often tests the patience of the hunter, but it has one weakness, its great curiosity. For all his cleverness in eluding the hunter he cannot resist looking around to see what man is doing. When approached the chuck will make a dash for his hole, but often stopping to look over his shoulder will provide a good target for the hunter. Should the hunter miss, down into the den the animal goes, but the experienced nimrod knows that within twenty minutes or so the chuck will reappear and watchful waiting usually pays off.

Most farmers welcome Groundhog hunters for they help rid their fields of the pest, but in spite of the many animals killed each year the chuck population continues to increase. What do men do with their quarry? Why eat them, of course! Some people shudder at the thought, but to the native Pennsylvania Dutch a Groundhog stuffed with sauerkraut and roasted nice and brown is a delicacy and a dish fit for a king. You should "try it once," as some say around here.

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"Watch out Constable, when you get to Weaver's house." Justice of the Peace George Fox signed the warrant for arrest for one Adam Weaver and looked up from his desk. "He's a mean critter. Good luck, Constable." Fox handed the constable the warrant.

Meade Atterhold cleared his throat. "There ain't a man on Haycock mountain any meaner, JP, but there's never been the likes of a man yet that'll keep me from doing my duty."

The two men shook hands.

Constable Atterhold folded the warrant and pocketed it thoughtfully. "Think I'll deputize me a man to come along and give a hand... maybe two men." He rubbed his chin with his knuckles. "Erwin Mondeau's a good man... and Israel Moser."

Fox nodded. "No petty thief can lick that team, Meade." He looked out the window. "Watch the wagon wheels in mud on those Haycock mountain roads. They'll be as mean as the man!" There was a quick exchange of laughs and the constable left.

The Weaver house stood like a forgotten parcel someone dropped in the woods and forgot. It looked small, tied up and never opened. Atterhold

dropped from the driver's seat of the wagon and motioned Mondeau and Moser to flank him. They oozed through a mush of mud and rotted leaves, their boots making a sucking sound. A catbird whined from the woods behind the house. The constable took a quick step in front of the other men with a fist upraised to knock on the door.

A window creaked open up above. The men looked up just in time to see a steaming kettle tilt its contents towards them. They cradled their heads an instant before a torrent of boiling water plunged over them. The skin on Atterhold's hand felt burned away as he beat the door with one maddened blow. "Open up!" he

bellowed. No response. He gave the door a thundering kick. Mondeau threw his weight against it. On rusted hinges, the door gave way. Constable Atterhold covered the near-bare room with one glance. It was empty. Moser stamped to his side and stared about. Mondeau strode over to the stairway and looked up. A shadow flitted along the hallway upstairs. Mondeau took the first two steps in one bound. The next moment a shotgun blast exploded. The shadow stood at the head of the stairs shooting. The deputy reeled back and dropped. Atterhold and Moser pushed past him. The gun exploded again. The constable felt a blast sear along the side of his

face. He fell back. Moser ran out of the house yelling "Help! Murder!" Pandemonium reigned for the next fifteen minutes. Neighbors sloshed over from houses nearby on Haycock. The constable and his deputy were carried into the wagon. The men combed the Weaver house, carrying their hunting guns. Mrs. Weaver and her four children sat in the upstairs bedroom, their faces white as hearth ashes. On the broad window sill near Mrs. Weaver rested a still-warm kettle. When Moser lifted it and looked at her, she raised her eyes defiantly, but said nothing.

Where was Adam Weaver? No-one knew. The woods were sifted by a searching party. The whole township of Nockamixon was on the lookout. The constable recovered from his wounds, though scarred for life. Deputy Mondeau was dead. Where was Adam Weaver, petty thief, lately turned murderer?

No-one knew. No-one ever found him.

Justice of the Peace George Fox took in the Weaver family the night after the assault and murder. His wife outfitted the ill-clad Weaver children and fed them. The oldest daughter in the Fox household, Elsie, watched that memorable night

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(Official U. S. Navy Photo)

QUAKERTOWN

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cakes, pastries, cleaning and
dyeing establishments, laundry
etc, etc.

Educationally Quakertown
has always been a leader, and
even today its school system
ranks as a model in the State.
The Friends started the first
school soon after settling here,
and in 1818 a "boarding
school" was established by
Richard Moore and Thomas
Lester, which was quite
successful for a short time but
was discontinued "for private
reasons."

In 1858 the Revs. Abraham
R. Horne, D. D. and H. Louis
Bougher, D. D. established a
"Normal and Classical School"
which at one time had an enroll-
ment of 400 students. It was
located on Main Street and to-
day the building is a three-
family dwelling. In the early
1860's Rev. Horne moved to
Allentown and the school was
converted into a "Soldiers'
Orphans' School." This lasted
only three years, closing in
1868, when the children were
transferred to the Chester
Spring School in Chester Coun-
ty.

Another educational venture
was launched in 1866 when
Levi Heacock and James Brun-
ner opened a school "to pre-
pare young people for teachers'
examinations." This too was of
short existence.

Quakertown's first public
school was erected on what is
now Fourteenth Street, a one-
story stone building now tumb-

ling into decay. The first Board
members, elected on March 15,
1855, were Lewis B. Thomp-
son, Samuel W. Miller, Elias
Strunk, David Jamison, John
Kaull and Lewis Jacoby. Their
first meeting was on June 5 of
that year when they voted to
establish a 10-month term. The
first teachers were a Miss Aaron
and a Miss Meredith.

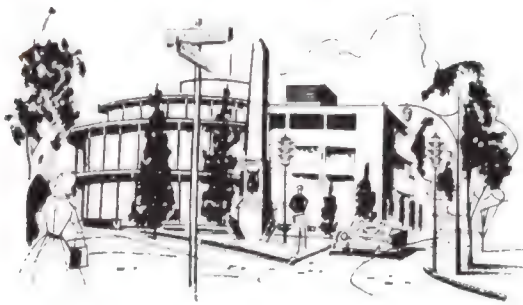
The next schoolhouse erect-
ed in town was on Roberts
Street, now Tenth. The two-
story structure, abandoned in
1920, is now owned by the
Methodist Church and is used
as an educational and com-
munity hall.

Subsequent buildings were
the Central school on Sixth
Street and the Franklin Street
school, 1893. In 1911 a high
school was erected next to the
Central school, being occupied
as such until 1929 when a new
high school was erected on
Seventh Street. The old high
school was named the Lincoln
grade school. With the con-
tinual growth of the town's
population, and the rising birth
rate following two World Wars,
the school district was required
to erect still another building,
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(Next month, Banks, Bands,
and Baseball)

"We have really everything in
common with America nowa-
days, except, of course, lan-
guage"
—Oscar Wilde

Around The County



March 1963

Hail the month of March! This is the month when Spring officially enters for 1963. After this past winter, we all will be glad to see this new spring and summer season.

The winter storm has caused much damage to our county road system. Perhaps the "worst", (and I'm sure everyone has their own candidate for this) we think is Route 611 between the Montgomery County Line and Doylestown. This section boasts of more potholes per square foot of road than any other, perhaps in the entire state! The rebuilding is progressing, slowly but surely on the highway, but in the mean time, nothing is being done to even fill the holes a little. We lost a tire, a friend tore his shock absorbers, on just a one mile trip on the highway. If our cars survive until next November, they promise us the new road will be finished by then. We hope so. It has been long overdue.

Speaking of roads and streets, we would like to ask a question. Perhaps we are wrong, but a bypass of Route 202 is proposed for Doylestown, which will take the trucks and through traffic out around our County Seat town. Why then, with this plan on the drawing boards, is the state going ahead with the project to widen State Street? When the widening is complete, the sidewalks will be barely wide enough to accommodate one person at a time. If you meet someone on the street as you walk along single file, one will have to step into the gutter. This would greatly hamper shoppers, walkers and people who must use the street to get where they are going. We suppose that it is being done in the name of progress, but when it's done, what will we have progressed to?

How many times have you checked into a hotel and been advised that the hotel had a safe available for your valuables. How many times have you ever used this service of the hotel. We, personally, never have. Neither had GORDON EXLEY, Director of the Bucks County Industrial Development Corporation, until late last month. Gordon stayed over nite in Doylestown recently at a local hotel. He had a large sum of money with him, and thought that perhaps it just might be a good idea to utilize the services of the hotel safe. That nite, the first time in history Gordon had used such a service, and also the first time in it's history, the hotel was robbed. To add insult to injury, the thief made off with Gordon's overcoat, too!

A landmark of Doylestown's nitelife, John Krasna's "County Seat Inn," (Rainbow Lounge) suffered about a \$8,000.00 loss in a fire this past month. John got his family of four and his dog and her puppies to safety, before the fire destroyed a downstairs bar and kitchen and his apartment in the building.

It will pay to be a seventh or eighth grade student at the new elementary school planned at Richboro. It is going to be completely air conditioned. Cheer up kids, don't rush to get your parents to move.

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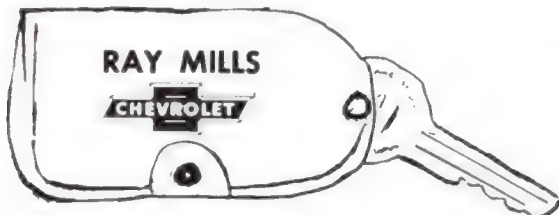


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Centennial School District (Southampton and Warminster) and Central Bucks School District also have such schools planned. The only hitch to the deal is, educators are thinking about "all year round school" in the new buildings. "Drat this progress."

"Howdy, Doc!" Dr. REDDING H. RUFÉ of Doylestown and Chalfont has a new associate to aid him in his practice of medicine. GIOVANNI BRUNO, M.D., has joined Dr. Rufe at 57 S. Limekiln Pike in Chalfont and 61 S. Pine Street, Doylestown.



Bob..new mike

Doylestown's BOB DETREY, recently joined the staff of the Lancaster Radio station, WLAN, after spending several years with WRAW in Reading. Bob's programs in Reading were the rated shows in the area, so we know by now that Lancaster has also rated him number one.

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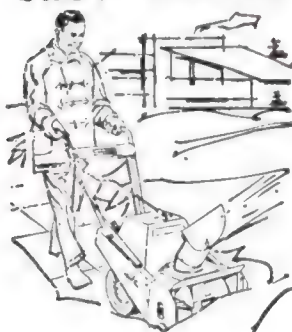
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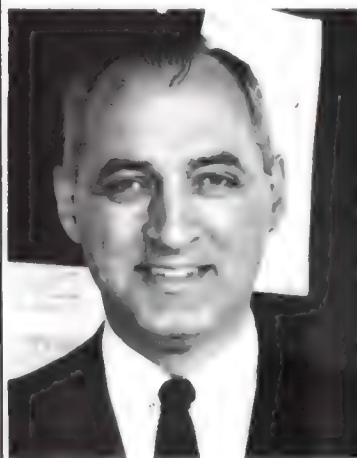
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Mike Gets Award

New Hope's **MIKE ELLS** was selected as the winner of the second annual "Margo Jones Award". A party was held at Sardi's Restaurant in New York City where Howard Lindsey presented Mike with a commemorative medal and a check for \$250.00. Mike's big hit, "The Beauty Part" starring **BERT LAHR** and written by Erwinna's S. J. **PERELMAN**, is now breaking Broadway records.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. **ANTHONY OTT, Sr.** of Doylestown. Mrs. Ott celebrated on the 25th of February, and claims to be "just a little over 21". We think she's 28, if she's a day!

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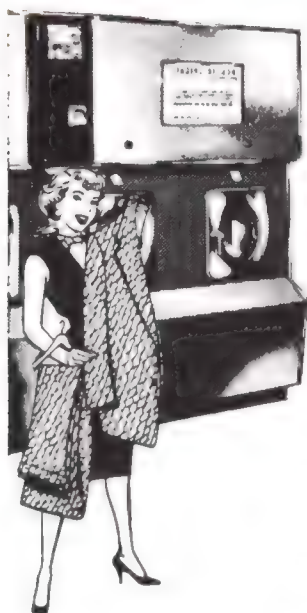
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The Bucks County Savings & Loan League recently elected new officers for 1963. They include CHARLES T. COYNE, President; MARIE V. WELSH, Vice President; Robert L. GERHART, Secretary-Treasurer. CHARLES J. HAPP, CHARLES D. COUPLAND and RICHARD L. HENDRICKS were elected to the Board of Governors.

A. C. WILLEMSSEN, Managing Director of Pomeroy's, Inc., Levittown was elected recently to head up the Bucks County Industrial Development Corporation. Also elected were DANIEL ERDMAN, Vice President; HARRY E. DANNER, Treasurer; and DAVID NORMAN, Secretary.

CONGRATULATIONS To Mr. & Mrs. FRITZ TRAU-MULLER on their recent marriage. Mrs. Traumuller is the former Miss Bobbie Ely of The Panorama staff. The couple spent their honeymoon in Florida.

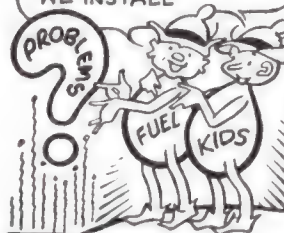
Among the members of the Livestock Judging Team at Delaware Valley College, Doylestown was a Bucks County youth, WILLIAM D. HOPKINS of Doylestown. Hopkins, and other members of the team were given awards at the college recently. The Livestock Judging Team had journeyed to Massachusetts, Maryland and Chicago to participate in judging competition.

HARVEY FUNK of New Hope recently took over his new post as Chief Custodian of the House of Representatives in Harrisburg. A life-long resident of Bucks County, Harvey is quite active in civic affairs in New Hope. Good Luck in Harrisburg.

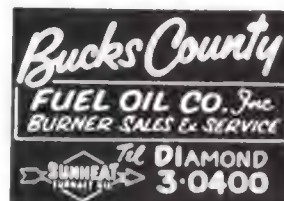
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We regret to note the passing of a fine gentleman and a great artist — MAXIMILLAN VANKA. Mr. Vanka lived near Rushland, and taught at Delaware Valley College. He was one of the most pleasant people we have ever met. Always a smile and so interested in other people. His example will be tough to follow. He died on a vacation trip in Mexico, where he visited annually. A native of Yugoslavia, he came to the United States in 1934.

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'V.P.' Chick

The newly formed Eastern Pennsylvania Redevelopment Authority Association has elected a Bucks County man as Vice President at its recent election meeting. C. V. (Chick) AFFLERBACK. Chick is Chairman of The Bucks County Redevelopment Authority.

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"A career girl is one who is more interested in bringing home the bacon than in cooking it."

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MURDER AND RUN . . .

by Helen Rowe

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with wondering eyes. The next morning the Weaver family was driven off to Doylestown where they were placed in the county jail. Elsie stood watching the spring wagon until it turned a bend in the road. It is said Mrs. Weaver went to a mental institution. The children were put in a home for parentless children.

To this day . . . well over half a century later . . . no part or parcel of Adam Weaver was ever seen or heard from again.

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One Weaver was heard from

again. A young man appeared at the door of the Country Squire one day years later. He identified himself as Adam Weaver's son. He was a fine-looking, well-standing young man. A new reputation for the name of Weaver became established on Haycock Mountain.

THE END

(Author's Note: The author wishes to acknowledge the aid of Fred Young and Elsie Fox Frankenfielder in the recounting of the Adam Weaver case. Without their kind assistance, it could never have been written.)

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Did you know that the Mercer Museum in Doylestown, built and designed by Dr. Henry Chapman Mercer in 1916 has been favorably compared to Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim Museum in an article by an associate editor of PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE which may be read at the Library, Pine and Ashland Streets, Doylestown.

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This photo of the International "Tamburica" Orchestra, a Bucks County musical group of 1931, shows Matt Andrew, Anne Krepelka, Paul Ballen and Arthur Andrews. Photo was taken when the group played a date in Langhorne, Bucks County.
(Photo courtesy Matt Andrew)

RAMBLING WITH RUSS

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CONGRATULATIONS: To Dr. William Y. Lee, president and "barn boss" of the Union Horse Company, whose 1963 annual meeting and dinner at the Doylestown American Legion Home was so successful last month. . . . We are 100 percent behind the Union Company in its latest of many projects during the past 128 years, that of sponsoring the Bucks County Horse Show for the benefit of the Doylestown Hospital, to be held Saturday, July 6, on the Douglas Paxson estate at Holicong.

THIRTY: A Doylestown travel agent was asked when is the best time to go to Tahiti and was informed "Any time, between 21 and 45." . . . A cheese-package label noticed upon its arrival at the Doylestown post office recently read "New Yorker Fresh Sliced Wisconsin Cheese, distributed by New Yorker Cheese Co., Philadelphia, Pa."

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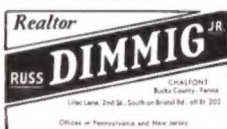
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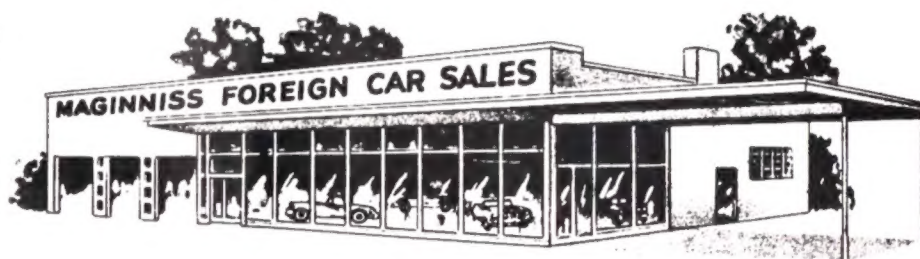


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